

spect to that part which England ought to take
in the pre-
servation of the liberty of Europe. . . . Let
there be no
other distinction heard of among us for the
future, but of
those who are for the Protestant religion and
the present
establishment, and of those who mean a
Popish prince and
a prentch government. . . . If you do in good
earnest desire
to see England hold the balance of Europe, and
to be indeed
at the head of the Protestant interest, it will
appear by your
right improving the present opportunity.¹

William died before the declaration of war
against
France, but he lived long enough to lay the
foundations of
the alliance that brought low the lofty pride of
France. He
himself realised that success was about to
crown the efforts
of a lifetime, and grieved that he was not
permitted to wit-
ness the triumphant conclusion of the long
duel with Louis.
' He had very lately said to one of those
whom he most
loved : " You know that I never feared death ;
there have
been times when I should have wished it;
but, now that
this great new prospect is opening before me, I
do wish to
stay here a little longer." ²

¹ VI, 2995 (xxv).

²VI, 3004 (xxv).